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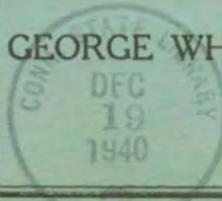
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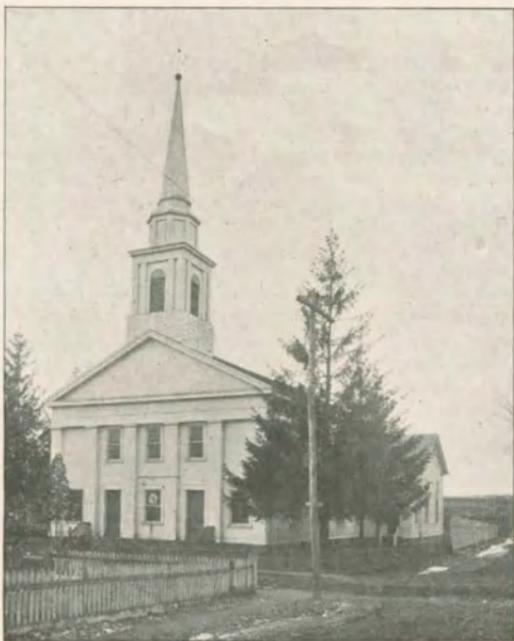
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This little book comes to you, dear fellow-workers, with greetings of good cheer, with encouragement from the past and confidence in the future. We have a precious heritage in our church, its equipment and opportunity. There is practically no limit to the power for good of such an institution in the community. Citizenship is not enough. It must be Christian citizenship, and after the home the church is the next institution to help communities up to the highest ideals. It must be a force for righteousness and build the Kingdom of God into the hearts and lives of men, women and children. The Pastor, no matter how hard he may try, cannot do this alone. No one can do it. It is done by team work. Every member must be interested and take part. "We are workers together with God." Our work is well organized. We have the machinery. All we need is the power, and it is promised. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." With a little more co-operation and interest, the influence of our church can easily be doubled. Speak a good word for the church. Invite and bring your neighbors, your friends, and your company with you to the services. Let your children know you love God's house, and when they grow up they will be found there.

To strangers and friends who come among us, we want to say a hearty welcome. We appreciate your presence and solicit your larger interest in all the activities of our church. We need you and you need the church. There is no compromise. It is mutual helpfulness. In the public worship you take part in the reading and study of God's Word. You join in the singing of some wonderful songs. You meet and greet good people, and you go home feeling more charitable to all the world. A fair trial of church attendance will convince you it is all worth while.

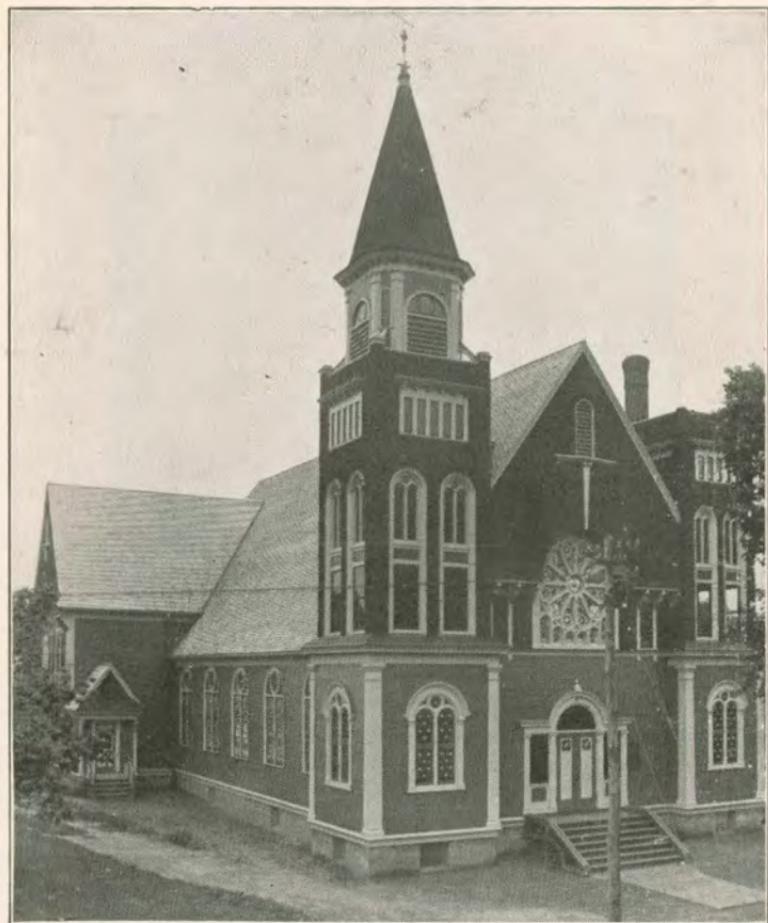


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THE ORIGINAL CHURCH BUILDING

1846-1901



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HIGH STREET



Rev. GEORGE WHITESIDE, *Pastor*



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OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

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DAVID COOPER	ELIZABETH GENEVIEVE WATSON
	JOHN WATSON

I tell you they have not died,  
They live and breathe with you.  
They walk here at your side,  
They tell you things are true.  
Why dream of popped sod  
When you can feel their breath,  
When flow'r and soul and God  
Know there is no death?

I tell you they have not died,  
Their hands clasp yours and mine;  
They are but glorified,  
They have become divine.  
They live! they know! they see!  
They shout with every breath:  
"Life is eternity;  
There is no death."

*(Inscription on Tablet)*

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TO OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES



Elder John Alcorn	William Hilditch
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James G. Creelman	George A. McCracken
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Matthew H. Creelman	Martha Beverland McLean
Elder John Dunn	Martha Gamble Murphy
Ann McCloy Dunn	John Pickens
Mary Bryan Epstein	Elizabeth Lamont Pickens
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John Frew	Jane McCloy Pickens
Margaret McFetrich Frew	James Reid
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David Harrison	John W. Wheelock



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TREASURER'S REPORT  
OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
For Year Ending June 30, 1924

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RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury June 30, 1923 .....	\$558.96
Collection Envelopes .....	3,114.57
Plate Collections .....	465.77
Union Meeting Offering .....	10.00
White Gift Offering .....	30.00
Use of Organ .....	32.00
Ladies' Aid Society .....	433.00
Subscriptions for Painting Church .....	220.00
Missionary Society for Painting Church .....	50.00
Missionary Society Church Expenses .....	10.00
Men's Athletic Club .....	5.00
Cash .....	38.25
Missions .....	770.62
New World Movement .....	647.15
 Total .....	\$6,385.32
Disbursements .....	5 661.41
 Balance in Treasury June 30, 1924 .....	\$723.91

ROBERT HILDITCH,  
*Treasurer.*

## OUR ADVERTISERS

(To the Merchants of Thompsonville, who have made this book possible, this poem is respectfully dedicated.)

Come along, my dear friend, with a bit of your time,  
To look through this book which we all think so fine,  
See Tradesmen and Workmen and Merchants galore—  
They are gentlemen, too, as I've told you before.

They are found on corners and streets of our town,  
And will please you, I'm sure, if you'll only go 'round.  
They keep good things to eat, to wear, and to use,  
From the chairs in your parlor to a neat pair of shoes.

You'll need lumber to build and coal to keep warm,  
Some fruit and ice cream, they will do you no harm;  
With cut flowers and plants decorations are made  
And with good cement blocks strong foundations are laid.

They sell them right, too, let me suggest to you here.  
You can trade a long time and not find them too dear.  
Their motto is, "Live and help live as you go,"  
It's the safest and best to make business grow.

That this rule should guide us is certainly fair,  
And since our own merchants are upright and square,  
Let us join in the use of the dollars and dimes  
And bring to the home town success and good times.

Why go to Hartford or Springfield, a distance so great,  
When your own stores are open both early and late?  
With goods on the counters and shelves, just as good  
As you can buy in New York, where you'd go if you could.

Save your carfare, dear friends, and the long tedious ride,  
And make the stores of your town an object of pride.  
To the North and the South, yes, high towers can be seen,  
But to go there and trade does not seem quite the thing.—

When home merchants are planning to show you the best  
And will be only too glad to be put to the test,—  
On prices and quality of things you all need  
To clothe yourselves right and your families to feed.

These ads are all paid for and are here, you should know,  
To aid in your shopping and tell where to go.  
So call on your neighbor and take her along  
And buy goods in the stores where you live and belong.

—G. W.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Sabbath .....	10:30 A. M.	7:00 P. M.
Sabbath School .....		12:00 M.
Junior Christian Endeavor .....		3:00 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E. .....		6:00 P. M.
Mid-week Prayer Service, Wed eve.....		7:30 P. M.

### THE SESSION

Rev. Geo. Whiteside .....	Moderator
Samuel H. Reid .....	Clerk
Robert Hilditch .....	Albert J. Epstein
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Meets the first Tuesday of each month.	

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John Pickens .....	Treasurer
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Lookout	
Aubrey Russell	Helen Clark
Irving Corbin	Alexander Johnston
Missionary	
John Pickens	Helen Clark
Edna Graham	Lydia Johnston
Social	
Jennie Pickens	Raymond Graham
Margaret Johnston	Mrs. Dana Miller
Music	
Ruth Corbin	Mrs. J. Johnston
Isabel Clark	Mildred Noll
Herbert Fiedler	Aubrey Russell
Grace Corbin	
Flower	
Jennie Pickens	Helen Clark
Lydia Johnston	Herbert Clark
Leroy Baker	

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Rev. James McLaughlin .....	1854-1857
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Rev. Clark L. McCracken .....	1873-1884
Rev. Robert N. Hammond .....	1885-1890
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Rev. James H. MacArthur .....	1905-1910
Rev. J. Howard Tate .....	1911-1918
Rev. Cameron Brooks Reed .....	1919-1921

## PRESENT PASTOR

Rev. George Whiteside September, 1921

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Robert Galbraith	James Creelman
William Liddell	Matthew Anderson
Hugh Richmond	Robert Creelman
Robert Davidson	John Alcorn
Alexander Richmond	John Hagerty
Charles McFarlane	William T. Watson
John Dunn	Geo. H. Cunningham

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Samuel H. Reid, Clerk
Robert Hilditch
James C. Lamont

## *Glad Tidings*

Rev. George Whiteside .....	Editor
Marjorie Clark .....	Assistant
Harold Lamont .....	Assistant
Mildred Noll .....	Assistant
James C. Lamont .....	Treasurer

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Almost eighty years ago this organization came into existence. Its path has not been strewn with roses all the way, but it has at all times maintained a brave and steadfast witness to the faith. During these years of fellowship and service the organization made a change from the original location to the present site. Two church buildings have been erected and a large pipe organ recently installed. A commodious parsonage and a garage have also been added to the equipment. Fifteen ministers have served during this period and eighteen elders. In its activity and loyalty the congregation bears the stamp of youth, with the enthusiasm and forward look of a newly organized mission.

On July 5, 1839, the First Presbyterian Church in the State of Connecticut was organized in Thompsonville with eighty-two members. Not long after the new church was dedicated an agitation arose on the part of some of the members to introduce instrumental music in the praise service of the church. Others, whose Christian training had run along different lines, were conscientiously opposed to the movement, and steps were taken to eliminate trouble, which resulted in the dissenters forming a society of their own. On October 10, 1845, the new organization was effected with seventy-four members and was received by the Associate Reformed Presbytery of New York. Services were at first conducted in the village school house, until the erection of a church building, a cut of which we are glad to present on another page. The carpet mill authorities co-operated nicely in the new project by donating a large lot on Pleasant Street, and Mr. Orrin Thompson, whose name the village now bears, contributed the bell, that still hangs in the tower, announcing the church services. In August, 1846, the building was completed at a total cost of \$4500. In less than one year the Society had been organized, a pastor had been called and a new church dedicated. The Rev. Peter Gordon was the first settled pastor. His ministry among the people extended over five years. He was considered a most estimable man and did a good work. During his pastorate one hundred and thirty members were added to the church, sixty by certificate and seventy by profession.

For lack of space, we are unable to give even the briefest notice of the different pastors and events which followed thick and fast during the years that followed. Ministers were scarce, and when one pastorate closed, from one to three and five years elapsed before another minister was settled. The closing of the carpet mill for indefinite periods often brought consternation to the little flock and made the struggle for existence all the more difficult. These struggles, however, but served to weld the members into bonds of closer union, and by their heroic efforts they stemmed the tide through to better days. In 1858 a union was effected between the Associate and the Associate Reformed Churches. The result of the union was the United Presbyterian Church, which name the church has been bearing during these sixty-six years.

For forty years this congregation adhered to the original principle of no instrumental music in the praise service of the church. The matter was then being agitated in the Presbyteries and the General Assembly voted to make the matter optional with the individual congregations. It was at this time the problem of instrumental music in the churches practically passed out and the instrument was all but universally adopted. On July 7, 1886, this congregation voted to introduce the instrument and it has been in the service ever since.

On May 12, 1901, the last service was held in the old church. The church site was included in an extension planned by the carpet mill, and a new location had to be secured. At a congregational meeting, April 29, 1901, a building committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Robert Hilditch, Mr. Samuel H. Reid, Mr. John H. Frew, Mr. Albert Epstein, Mr. Wm. T. Watson and Robert Kelly. In but a little more than year's time the present site was purchased and the imposing building erected at a total cost of more than \$16,000. The present generation has fallen heir to a splendid equipment and should heartily appreciate the sacrifice made and the difficulties surmounted in bringing the organization to its present efficiency.

At present the work is thoroughly organized, with 221 members on the roll. The departments are all active and increasingly interested in taking their part of the great task of winning the world for Christ. "Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it." "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."



## THE SABBATH SCHOOL

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Rev. Peter Gordon, the first pastor of the church, organized the Sabbath School. While the attendance has never attained into great numbers, still the work has gone steadily on, and hundreds of young people have been trained and helped upward in its classes and services.

Twelve recorded names in all have graced the office of superintendent. In 1898 Mr. Robert Hilditch was elected to the important place and has served with splendid efficiency all these twenty-six years.

At present there are one hundred and thirty enrolled. The school is graded and graduates a class out of the primary department into the intermediate every year.

A very good library of several hundred volumes is open to all the school.

There are twenty-three members on the Cradle Roll and forty members enrolled in the Home Department.

The total offerings of the school in 1924 were \$525.28, the total expense \$496.02.

The officers and teachers are as follows:

Robert Hilditch .....	Superintendent
John Pickens .....	Assistant Superintendent
Herbert Clark .....	Secretary
Harold Lamont .....	Treasurer
Harold Lamont .....	Librarian
Miss Margaret Johnston .....	Supt. Primary Dept.
Mrs. Frank Bohman .....	Supt. Cradle Roll Dept.

### TEACHERS

Miss Isabel Alcorn	Miss Lydia Johnston
Miss Lucena Clark	Miss Margaret Johnston
Miss Marjorie Clark	Miss Ruth Leggett
Mrs. Leslie Creelman	Mrs. Dana Miller
Miss Elizabeth Epstein	Samuel H. Reid
Alexander Johnston	Aubrey Russell
Miss Helen Clark	Mrs. S. B. Wheelock
Rev. George Whiteside	

## THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

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On April 29, 1888, a group of young people met in the church, then located on Pleasant Street, for the purpose of organizing a Christian Endeavor Society. The pastor, Rev. R. N. Hammond, presented the object of the meeting and spoke briefly of the advantages and aims of such an organization. Mr. William T. Watson made a motion that such a society be organized and it was so ordered. Thirteen charter members signed at this meeting and nineteen associate members. The officers elected were as follows:

Robert K. Frew .....	President
Thomas G. Alcorn .....	Vice-President
Miss Isabel L. Alcorn .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. R. N. Hammond .....	Treasurer

The following year the society joined the Northern Connecticut Christian Endeavor Union, at present known as the Enfield Christian Endeavor Union. From the beginning this organization has been full of enterprise. The banner offered by the Enfield Union has been captured many times on marks of interest and efficiency. April 29, 1913, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization was celebrated, at which time Miss Isabel L. Alcorn presented in detail the story of the work done and the changes that had come among the members. Throughout the years a steady interest has been maintained. Friendly contests have been conducted with good results. The society has given a number of plays, which have been well received. A stereoptican has been added to our equipment, and "Glad Tidings," a monthly paper, is published with some aid from the Sabbath School. An Annual Banquet is an item of interest to all the members. In the past two years, besides the study of the regular topics in the weekly meeting, a topical study has been made of the Book of Genesis and a chapter study of the Book of Acts, together with Ruth, Philemon, etc.

At present there are fifty-one members on the roll. New members are gladly received at any time.

## THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

### PRESENT OFFICERS

Alexander Johnston, Jr. .... President  
Frances Leggett ..... Vice-President  
George Moorehead ..... Recording Secretary  
John Pickens ..... Corresponding Secretary  
Alfred Noll ..... Treasurer

### LIST OF MEMBERS, 1924

Akerley, Elma	Johnston, Margaret
Baker, Leroy	Johnston, John
Clark, Lucena	Johnston, Mrs. John
Clark, Helen	Lamont, Harold
Clark, Herert	Leggett, Francis
Clark, Isabelle	Leggett, Ruth
Clark, Marjorie	Moorehead, George
Chestnut, Annie	Noll, Mildred
Corbin, Irving	Noll, Alfred
Corbin, Grace	Patterson, Doris
Corbin, Ruth	Patterson, Matthew
Coleman, Francis	Pickens, John
Gamble, Grace	Pickens, Jennie
Graham, Edna	Miller, Mrs. Dana
Graham, Raymond	Rook, Marion
Gray, Jessie	Reinhardt, George
Gray, Mary	Russell, Aubrey
Gray, Robert	Russell, David
Hue, Mae	Stephenson Susanna
Harris, Ruth	Turner, Raymond
Feidler, Herbert	Woodward, Mrs.
Feidler, Ethel	Woodward, Alfred
Johnston, Agnes	Woodward, Edith
Johnston, Alex.	Wilkie, Eleanor
Johnston, Lydia	Hammill, Mrs.
	Patterson, May

## THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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One of the recent organizations of the church is the Women's Missionary Society. On May 5, 1922, in a meeting at the parsonage, the organization was effected. The present membership is thirty-one.

It is purely missionary in purpose and a cog in the wheel of the larger organization of the denomination. Missionary literature is stressed and books for study are assigned each year.

"Facts and Folks," "The Debt Eternal," "Creative Forces in Japan," "Building with India" and "Friend of the Races," are among the books studied. Thirty-eight missionary magazines are taken by the members and others.

Two interesting pageants have been given and at the same time a thank-offering taken, which offering, together with the monthly dues, has enabled the ladies to do considerable to help the splendid work carried on by the Woman's Board. The meetings are held the third Friday of each month, mostly in the homes of the members.

### OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Geo. Whiteside .....	President
Mrs. S. B. Wheelock .....	First Vice-President
Mrs. Samuel Reid .....	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Albert Fiedler .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Lewis King .....	Treasurer
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### BOARD OF MANAGERS

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## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

This Society came into existence June, 1883. The aim of the Society then might well be its goal today. It is as follows:

"To promote an interest in the work of missions, to gain and impart information relating to the needs and progress of missionary work, to promote the spiritual welfare of its members, and to stimulate to greater activity personal work."

There were sixteen charter members. The present membership is fifty-one. A condensed history of the Society was written by Miss Isabel L. Alcorn and printed in a neat booklet form, which with other documents, occupies a place in the cornerstone of the present church building. The officers of the Society at that time were:

Samuel H. Reid .....	President
Mary Brenner .....	Vice-President
Margaret McCarroll .....	Treasurer
Elizabeth Gamble .....	Secretary

This Society has been liberal to the local and home demands. And at the same time has done much to help the outside work along. Early in its history the support of a Zenana worker in Egypt was assumed and continued for more than two years, when Gaboona decided it was not good for a woman to be alone, so took to herself a husband.

Sums larger and smaller are annually contributed to the Boards. The membership fee is ten cents per month. The last Tuesday of each month is the meeting time. Refreshments are usually served and a pleasant social time enjoyed. New members are welcome at all times. The present officers are:

Aubrey Russell .....	President
Miss Isabel Alcorn .....	Vice-President
Grace Gamble .....	Secretary
John Pickens .....	Treasurer

## THE JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

No story of the church's care of the young people would be complete without at least a word about the Junior Society.

March 24, 1895, the Junior Endeavor was organized with a membership of thirty-one. To the roll call of the Juniors one hundred and five young people respond, many of whom are in homes of their own at present and still active in and loyal to the work of the church.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Mrs. J. W. Wheelock was elected to the office of superintendent and continued in this capacity for twenty-seven years. During this period she saw scores of young people grow up and pass into the Senior Society of Christian Endeavor. They were telling years of good work and character-building.

## THE CHOIR

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Much of the continued interest in the public worship has been due to the faithful service rendered by the choir. Mr. Robert Hilditch has been the untiring leader for fifty-one years, and for thirty-six years Miss Mary Hilditch was the faithful organist. They were supported by a number of loyal helpers who were willing "To sing forth the honor of His name and make His praise glorious."

On September 10, 1922, a splendid pipe organ, a cut of which can be seen on another page, was dedicated. A host of former members joined in the service of worship and praise that day. They all seemed truly happy. Sunshine was contagious. The total cost of the organ was \$5573.42. There was a balance on hand of \$680.01. The people contributed not as of necessity, but willingly. The new instrument has greatly enhanced the efforts of the choir and added richness to the worship and praise in God's House.

Mr. Robert Hilditch .....	Choir Director
Miss Edna Morrison .....	Assistant Choir Director
Miss Ruth Greer .....	Organist
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Those who have served in the choir within the past year are as follows:

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This Society was organized in October, 1878, with twenty-four members.

The officers then were as follows:

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Mrs. S. B. Wheelock.....	Vice-President
Miss Jennie Hilditch.....	Secretary
Mrs. Chas. G. Harrison.....	Treasurer

The members have been loyal to their name. It has been a real Aid Society. As new members came in they were trained in the spirit of service, and for forty-six years this organization has kept its eyes open to the needs of all departments of the Home Church and has raised thousands of dollars for the work. The Society assumed a large share in the financial obligations of the parsonage and carried the expense of the garage in full. Much of the success has been made possible by a system of monthly dinners served in the church parlors. They have become very popular and much appreciated by a large constituency. The present membership is thirty-four, of whom four were charter members—Miss Jennie Harrison, Mrs. Sarah B. Wheelock, Mrs. Jennie Creelman and Mrs. Mary A. Hamill.

Mrs. Jennie Creelman has the distinction of having served the Society as president for seven consecutive years, and Mrs. Sarah B. Wheelock as secretary and treasurer for almost thirty-six years.

In the earlier days, monthly meetings were held in the homes of the members, where sewing was done for the needy and supper provided and served by the hostess.

When the chapel was added to the old church on Pleasant Street, suppers similar to those given now were served for ten cents. They were always well attended and the evenings spent in a social time.

The Society worked hard to clear the mortgage from the church and parsonage and is now planning to have a cloak-room built and possibly have its well equipped kitchen enlarged.

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## THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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February 6, 1922, the Men's Bible Class held a meeting to consider the advisability of organizing an athletic association for the benefit of the young men of the church. Plans quickly matured and an association consisting of thirty members was launched.

A strenuous program was at once adopted and under the leadership of Mr. Samuel J. Magill, as physical director, the members went to work and made exceptional progress. They first won the championship of the Hartford County Rural Volley Ball Team and later on captured the championship of the State.

Two successful banquets have been given by the association. Special mention should be made of the father and son banquet, which was duplicated by other organizations in the village.

An athletic atmosphere has been developed, looking to the revival of the Y. M. C. A. spirit among the men of the town.

The coming of the older boys' conference to Thompsonville was strongly encouraged and a number of our members contributed largely to its unqualified success. Some of the members are now looking out along the lines of *boys' and field work*.

Mr. Aubrey Russell is at present Scoutmaster of a very active organization with representatives from four of the churches. In the absence of a branch of the Y. M. C. A. in town, the physical training side of our life needs some attention.

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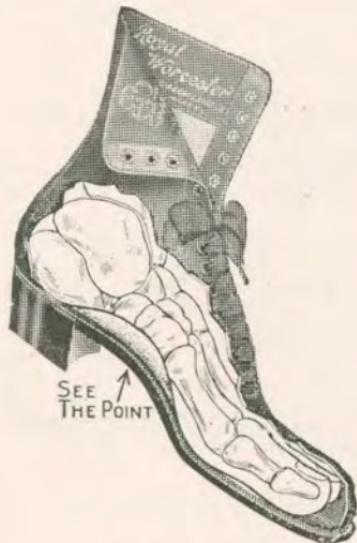
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